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## The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news...

### Man fined for laser stunt

Thur, Mar 26 – A man from Northampton was fined £1,000 for shining a laser pen at a police helicopter.



### Bid for extra rail carriage

Wed, Apr 1 – London Midland train firm applied for more carriages to ease overcrowding on Northampton routes.



### Obama flies in for G20

Tue, Mar 31 – US President Barack Obama flew to the UK for a summit with world leaders



## School meals beating targets

A CAMPAIGN to encourage pupils to eat more healthily has led to an extra 1,300 children having free school meals in Northamptonshire.

Take-up of free school meals has increased by 35 per cent since 2007.

County councillor Joan Kirkbride, the cabinet member for children and young people, said: "These figures are fantastic news."

"We have smashed our target of 10 per cent and week-by-week the number of children having free school meals is increasing."

"It's so important we give children the best possible chance in life by ensuring they eat good nutritious food to assist their learning."

"I would still urge all those people who think they are entitled to free school meals to get in touch and ensure, through healthy and nutritious food, their child is getting the best out of their school day."

The county council started its drive to improve healthy eating in schools and help children get the right food in 2006.

A total of 7,486 children now have free school meals, compared with 5,539 in January 2007. Anyone who thinks they qualify for free schools meals can call Northampton 236656.

# Elite teachers to lift grades



## SCHOOLS in Northamptonshire are to recruit an elite team of troubleshooting teachers in a bid to improve classroom standards across the county.

Northamptonshire County Council has launched a nationwide campaign to compile a 10-strong team of teachers who will be deployed into primary schools where performance is judged to be below standard.

Currently, the county has a high proportion of schools in Ofsted's Notice to Improve and special measures status, while overall performance at Key Stage 2 – for pupils aged seven to 11 – is below the national average.

The teachers, who will already have a proven track record of excellence in leadership and teaching capability, will provide hands-on work in the classroom to ensure children are getting first class teaching.

The costs of the new elite teaching squad will be met directly by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

Councillor Joan Kirkbride, the council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We're looking for highly-talented individuals who want to do something challenging and rewarding."

"While the main aim is to ensure individual schools will benefit from the expertise and experience of outstanding teachers, we're pleased there will be an overall benefit for the whole county of attracting yet more first class people."

The authority is expected to have the team in place for the start of the 2009/10 academic year in September.

It will be employed centrally by the county council.

The jobs are being advertised in the national press this week and details can also be viewed at [www.teachnorthamptonshire.org.uk](http://www.teachnorthamptonshire.org.uk)

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# The Week in Numbers

**10:** Home Secretary Jacqui Smith was at the centre of an expenses row this week, when it was discovered she had claimed £10 for adult movies watched by her husband, Richard Timney. The news came in a week when it was revealed taxpayers paid a total of £93 million to furnish politicians' houses and travel, among other expenses.



**5 million:** It was revealed this week that more than five million people now have their DNA profile stores on the Government's controversial database. The amount has risen by 40 per cent in two years and is up by 1.4 million since early 2007.

**17,000:** Cambodian jailer Kaing Guek Eav was standing trial in Phnom Penh this week, accused of being responsible for the deaths of 17,000 people. Jailer Kaing Guek Eav is the first senior official to stand trial from the reign of Cambodian dictator Pol Pot, which is thought to have seen the deaths of nearly two million people between 1975 and 1979.



**6,000:** The estimated amount of police officers on duty in London as the world's leaders arrived in the UK for the G20 summit. The £75 million security operation was centred on the ExCel Centre where US president Barack Obama was joining Gordon Brown and other top politicians.

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# Pool looks pretty pink



Paige Macrae, three, and Donna Macrae enjoy the new look at Danes Camp leisure pool

**SWIMMERS at Danes Camp Leisure Centre in Northampton splashed around in pink water to celebrate the re-opening of the pool following a £60,000 overhaul.**

The leisure centre, in Merefield, has been closed for the past week, while workers installed the new equipment to dye the pool water as well as a new water slide and pirate ship.

Money for the improvements came from within Northampton Borough Council's capital funds and a Government grant, as part of a free swimming scheme for under 16s and over-60s which is due to begin tomorrow.

Councillor Brendan Glynane, (*Lib Dem, Delapre*), Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "I am really pleased with how it has turned out and, with the Easter holidays coming up, I think it is going to be pretty busy."

"Some people might say that, in a time of a recession, the council should not be spending money on facilities like this. But the last time money was spent on this leisure centre was in 1998 and it is about time the equipment was renewed for the people of Northampton and their children."

Young He, a swimming instructor from West Haddon, who was at the pool for the re-opening, said:

"It looks like something out of the Caribbean. I think it is nice to have a new image for the children to enjoy. I saw an adult looking excited under one of the new water features as well."

Michael Foster, who was at the swimming pool with his daughter, Sarah, and granddaughter, Lettie, two, said: "I think it was a good thing for the council to do. It seems like the children all like it. I think it is a good way of introducing children to water so they do not have such a fear of it."

Over-60s can swim for free once they have paid a £2 charge for an identity card for the scheme.

The borough council has agreed to pay this charge for under-16s.



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## NHS to cut sick rates

MANAGERS at Northampton General Hospital have pledged to reduce absenteeism after it was revealed staff were taking an average of about 10 days off sick a year.

The hospital has worked out that five per cent of its working days were lost in the past year, because of sickness.

The local rate is slightly higher than the NHS's average of 4.5 per cent of working days lost.

There are about 3,800 staff at the trust, which suggests that, taking holidays into account, each employee has about 10 days off sick each year.

A spokesman for the hospital said: "The percentage figure is in line with similar NHS trusts and other public sector organisations, although the trust is working to reduce it."

The figures come after the Reform think-tank suggested NHS staff were taking too much time off sick.

On average, it said, they were taking twice as many sick days as staff at private firms and wasting about £1 billion nationally each year.

However, Northampton General Hospital pointed out that many hospital staff were exposed to infections more than in the average office and that would be likely to give a higher than average sickness rate.

Hospital managers also discourage staff who are unwell from coming to work again until they are free of infection, to avoid making patients and other staff ill.

The hospital offers healthcare and advice to staff and gives flu vaccinations to its workforce every winter.

The health trust is starting a recruitment drive to increase the number of permanent staff.

# Nine in ten get first choice school

**NINE out of 10 pupils in Northamptonshire have been allocated their first choice of primary school, the county council has said.**

Letters were sent out on Tuesday informing parents of the primary school place their child has been allocated for 2009.

Figures released by Northamptonshire County Council suggest that only 159 out of the 7,951 pupils – two per cent – have been allocated to a school that was not either their first, second or third choice.

A total of 7,235 pupils – 91 per cent – are believed to have been allocated their first preference and 98 per cent of pupils will be given either their first,

second or third preference.

A spokesperson from Northamptonshire County Council said: "On Wednesday, April 1, we are sending out letters informing parents of the primary school place their child has been allocated for 2009.

"Those who applied online can view their allocation from 10am on April 1 on our website at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

"Starting at primary school is an important stage in each child's life and every effort has been made to allocate suitable places to county children, with well over 90 per cent of places being allocated to parents' first, second or third preference.

"For anyone unhappy with the place their child

has been allocated, details of the appeals process will be provided with the allocation letters and information about how to appeal is available on our website [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)."

There are 237 primary schools in the county and parents have been waiting since autumn 2008 to find out if their child has received their first, second or third choice place.

Earlier this month, the county council released the figures for secondary school places, which showed that 84 per cent of pupils got what they hoped for.

The county council admissions team could not meet any of the preferences of 233 pupils, who have now been offered alternative schools.



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## Buses replace Easter trains

BUSES will replace trains between Northampton and Milton Keynes over Easter because of engineering work on the West Coast Main Line.

On Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday passengers will have to use buses between the two towns, and services will be altered from London Euston to Milton Keynes. Work will increase line speed and power supplies on sections of

the track in Buckinghamshire.

Steve Banaghan, London Midland managing director, said: "We are working closely with Network Rail to keep disruption to a minimum; for instance by scheduling the engineering improvements for Easter Bank Holiday weekend when we know fewer people travel."

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# Your View

As the clocks went forward last weekend, we asked people what they expect from this summer...

I think it will probably be the same as usual – not very nice. It would be good to see some sunshine.

**Steve Colliass, from Abington**



It always rains and we basically don't ever have much of a summer in Britain. I can't see it being any different.

**Matt Gilbert, of Kingsthorpe**



I think it's going to be a brilliant summer. It was poor last year and I think it will be much better this time.

**Terry Logan, Northampton**



I really want it to be sunny because I'm going to St Ives on holiday, but I don't really expect it will be.

**Lily Plowes, of Brixworth**

Jacqui Smith has been at the centre of an expenses row this week. We asked: Should she be sacked?

No, because it is not her fault. I think it is bad that MPs get to claim for all these things though.

**Francesca Watts, from Kingsthorpe**



Yes. There are some people without any homes and they are getting all this money for a second home.

**Sarah Toney, of Kingsley**



No. But they should stop MPs from claiming for all these things.

**Debbie Bond, of Abington**



Yes, absolutely right. It is a catalogue of problems she has had. I think she is weak and not strong enough in certain departments.

**Pete McAlear, of Roade**

# Helping Africa recycle waste



**PLANS to build the first electronics recycling plant in Nigeria are set to go ahead thanks to waste experts at The University of Northampton.**

At the moment in the African country, broken hi-tech electronic equipment – such as computers and other gadgets – is either dumped in landfill sites or melted down to make new products.

But now Margaret Bates, of The University of Northampton, has helped put together plans to build the country's first electronics recycling centre.

She said the plant would prevent people harming their health by melting down plastic components and stop gadgets being buried in the ground.

Dr Bates said: "People in Africa tend to buy second-hand electrical goods and sell them on.

"But the problem is, when they've reached the end of their life there are no recycling facilities."

Dr Bates, who is part of the university's leading waste management department, has advised the Nigerian

government on the recycling centre plans and will also help train the people who operate it.

She said: "The idea is to set up the recycling facility where all the plastics and metals can be separated. The university will help train people.

"If it works well in Nigeria the plan is to roll it out throughout the rest of Africa."

Millions of pieces of used electrical equipment are shipped to Africa every year.

While some of the gadgets are good enough to be used again, many of them have passed the end of their useful lives and need to be recycled.

It is hoped the new recycling centre will help tackle the problem, as it should be up and running by the end of this year.

Dr Bates said: "We hope to have it in place by the end of 2009 and we're hoping to build in other parts of the world too. It's a really nice project for us to be involved in and we hope it will have a really positive impact."

The new centre will be the first facility of its kind in Nigeria and it is thought it will also be the first in Africa.



■ Margaret Bates

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# Tough powers over drinking

**TOUGH** new powers to stop drinkers causing trouble on Northampton's streets came into force on Tuesday.

Northampton Borough Council has introduced the measures to tackle the problem of binge drinking and related offences across the town.

The orders will give police the power to target irresponsible drinkers by issuing on-the-spot fines of up to £500.

Deputy council leader Councillor Brendan Glynnane (*Lib Dem, Delapre*) said: "These tough controls go a long way to dispel the myth that Liberal Democrats are soft on crime; we are not.

"We want hard-working

Northamptonians to be able to enjoy a pint on a sunny day outside. But what we will not tolerate is reckless drinking leading to crime and disorder.

"I can't stress enough this isn't a blanket ban on drinking outdoors. People will continue to be able to enjoy a drink in our many parks and open spaces.

"But what these powers will do is give police the assurance that the council is backing them all the way in the crackdown against anti-social behaviour and binge-drinking."

The move came after a council survey of more than 500 residents and businesses showed 90 per cent supported the new police powers.





■ Terry Wire (left) pictured with Dave Barringer CE 090327KC1

# Ride for hospice

A NORTHAMPTON hospice is set to benefit when a convoy of Harley-Davidson riders sets off on its sixth annual fund-raising April Fools Run.

Around 150 motorcyclists are expected to ride through Northampton town centre on Saturday and spend two hours collecting donations in Abington Street for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

The event, organised by former town mayor and current county councillor Terry Wire, together with Dave Barringer from Northants V-Twin, was secured after Towergate Risk Solutions in Northampton

agreed to insure it.

Councillor Wire (*Lab, St James*) said: "We know there's a worldwide recession, but I hope people will be generous because one-in-three people are affected by cancer.

"It's a worthy cause and I appreciate the support we're getting. I'd like to thank Towergate for their support and both the highways authority and the borough council, as well as David Cardoza at the Cobblers for the use of their car park.

"I'd also like to encourage the public to come and view all the bikes at Sixfields. We will be leaving between 10.30am and 10.40am."



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# David is new Mr Gladiator

THE £25,000 top prize in the final of television game show *Gladiators* has been scooped by a sports lecturer from Northamptonshire.

David Staff, 29, who teaches at Moulton College, battled it out in four demanding events – the duel, gauntlet, hang tough and the pyramid – before tackling the eliminator with a six-second lead over his rival, Kris Stirk.

Mr Staff, watched the Sky One show last night at a rugby club, alongside his family and friends.

He said: "All through the games, it was pretty close and on the final game, I got to the top of the pyramid first, so I ended up going into the eliminator with a six-second advantage and the pressure was on."

He added: "The money will come in useful, but the feeling of winning was amazing. When you're involved in it, it is all everyone talks about, so it was

a wicked feeling."

The father-of-two faced tough competition throughout the heats, taking on the show's professional gladiators, and even continued with a broken nose through the quarter-final and semi-final rounds.

He said: "The gladiators were pretty tough and bigger than they look on the television. I nearly got on the first of the new series and I really liked it then."

"I'm really into fitness, but the competition was quite gruelling. The experience was wicked for me. Going down there and meeting guys similar to myself was great. My two children came down to the filming with me and they loved it too. My 18-month-old son was mesmerised."

Mr Staff, who is also a part-time sports coach for Kettering Borough Council, said his pupils respected him more after seeing his performance on the cult television show, which made its comeback on the satellite channel last year.



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■ David Staff lifts the trophy

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# Roads teams in drains blitz

ROAD companies conducted a tidy-up operation on a Northampton road which reduced the risk of flooding for residents and businesses.

Northamptonshire's highways company MGWSP descended on St Leonard's Road in Far Cotton with 15 teams of workers to repair road surfaces, streetlights and pavements.

They also cleared drains of piles of silt which stops water escaping and can make flooding worse after rainfall.

A spokeswoman for MGWSP said: "We did have some problems moving cars on so we could get to the drains, despite a parking prohibition on the road.

"But we did eventually get done what we needed to and hopefully the clean-up will mean flooding will be less of a problem."

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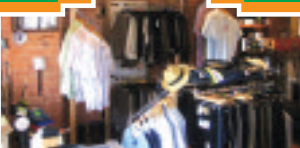
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# Mobile texts to tackle risk of burglaries

**POLICE will be using mobile phone messaging to highlight the risk of burglary to residents of an area of Northampton.**

There were 15 burglaries in Semilong in the five weeks from the beginning of February, and police said burglars got into homes through unlocked doors in up to half of the cases. A campaign to cut the number of burglaries in the area began earlier this week.

During the week, police will put footprint-shaped leaflets through unlocked doors to warn people that the next size nine shoes to visit their homes could be from burglars, not from the force.

And for the next week, Bluetooth messages will be sent out in Semilong by police officers, using short-range technology which allows messages to be sent to and from mobile phones.

Semilong Community Forum chair Zoe Martin commended the scheme, but said she hoped it would be well-publicised.

She said: "I think it's a good idea



**■ PCSO Ray Thorpe and PC Lee Stevens patrolling Semilong with the Bluetooth device that will send people messages**

as long as it's well advertised and people know who it is trying to contact them through their phones.

"If the police can use Bluetooth to contact people I think that's brilliant."

There will also be increased foot patrols and a visit by the mobile police station as part of the crackdown, which is an attempt by police in Northamptonshire West to home in on prolific offenders and tackle burglary.

Force crime prevention officer Laura Major appealed to members

of the public to lock their doors and keep car keys out of view.

She said: "There is a really easy way to make your house safer: lock up. Your keys are the best crime prevention device available.

"Being burgled is an upsetting experience and it must be even worse if you know you have made it so easy for the criminal to get in.

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# Benefits for jobless doubles in last year

**THE number of jobless people in Northampton has almost doubled in the last year, making it the place worst hit by unemployment in the East Midlands, according to a new report.**

A review of how people have been hit by the recession, carried out by comparison website uSwitch, showed the number of people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance in Northampton rose by 96 per cent from March 2008.

In what the website described as a "benefits frenzy", the report said 6,784 Northampton people were now signing on, as of last Thursday.

More people were claiming Job

Seekers' Allowance in the town than in the city centres of Nottingham, Derby and Leicester and the percentage rise in unemployment was far greater than the rest of the region.

Brian Binley, the Conservative MP for Northampton South, said: "I'm not too surprised Northampton is doing worse than other areas, because there are a lot of jobs here in distribution; just look at Brackmills and Swan Valley."

"If companies don't need products to be delivered, then firms here don't need as many jobs. That figure is frightening, but I fear things will get even worse before it gets better."

However, Sally Keeble, Labour's MP for Northampton North, argued

the huge percentage rise was down to previously lower-than-average unemployment. But she warned: "I think the situation may be even worse than these figures suggest, because they don't take in loss of shifts or extra part-time jobs which have a big effect on a household's income."

The website looked at salaries, property prices and council tax across 103 of the UK's largest local authorities, with Northampton rated as 63rd financially best off.

Homeowners in Northampton also seemed to be losing out on house prices, with a drop of 7.3 per cent in property values during 2008, although town estate agents reported last week that sales had risen slightly since

Christmas. And those living in Northampton have all spent an average of four per cent more in council tax, as the borough council chose not to follow the 19 local authorities in the UK which froze payments in 2008/2009.

The report did carry some good news, with suggestions that Northampton workers had pocketed average pay rises of six per cent, compared with 2007.

But Mr Binley said he believed many of those wage increases were awarded before companies caught wind of the economic downturn.

He said: "Wages may have gone up last year, but they certainly won't do so next year."

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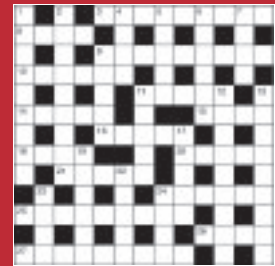
- After a 10-year break, *Red Dwarf* is back on our screens. The new series, which begins on Dave on Friday, April 10, stars the four original lead cast members – Danny John-Jules, Chris Barrie, Craig Charles and who else?
- The Wire* continues its run on BBC Two on Monday. What's the name of the British actor who plays trouble-making detective Jimmy McNulty?
- Simon Bird stars in *The Inbetweeners*, which continues its second series on E4 tonight. What's the name of Simon's character?
- Former *Blue Peter* presenter Matt Baker joins the team of *Countryfile* on BBC One on Sunday. Which former *Newsround* host has fronted the show since it began in 1988?
- Cast your mind back. *Law & Order: UK* concludes on ITV1 on Monday. Bradley Walsh stars in the series. Which game-show did he present after taking over from Nicky Campbell in 1998?

## WHAT year is this?

- Hong Kong reverted to Chinese sovereignty
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- The English Patient* won nine Oscars
- Bill Clinton (right) was inaugurated as US president for a second term



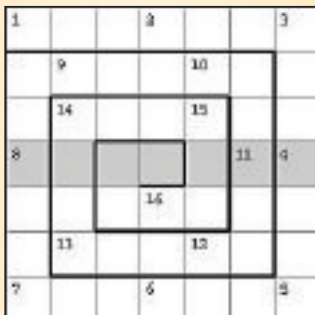
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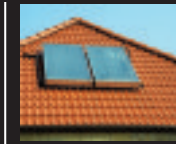
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# MP questions cash spending

**HOUSEHOLDERS in Eastfield, Northampton, have encountered their MP out trying to find out what they want to spend £2.2 million on when the Cherry Orchard Middle School site is sold.**

The school was closed in 2005, when Northampton's school system was changed to a two-tier set-up.

When a developer buys the site, it will have to pay some money – thought to be about £2.2 million – towards the community as part of the deal.

Sally Keeble, the Labour MP for Northampton North, said: "We wanted to make sure that the money is used in a way the community wants."

"Some of the research will be done door-to-door and some of it will be done through the post, to find out what the people on the different estates think."

Tony Mallard, an Eastfield

householder who helped Mrs Keeble on her tour of the area, said he thought larger community centres would benefit the area most. He said: "I was originally of the opinion that two small places would be good."

"Several small places do look good on paper, but they would be taking trade away from each other. Eastfield has been in existence for 50 years and it has never had a community centre or anything like that."

"It has a park, but the community focal point should be a centre of some kind."

One of the doors knocked on by Mrs Keeble during her tour was that of Ruby Freeman, aged 80. She told her MP that she would like to see some facilities for young people.

She said: "There's a lot of good teenagers out there. A recreation centre would be nice."

"I have got some lovely grandchildren and they would like something like that."

■ Sally Keeble MP and Ruby Freeman



■ Sally Keeble MP, Zoe Smith and Tony Mallard

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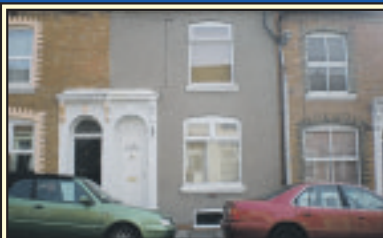
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Births	Births	Births	Golden Wedding	Golden Wedding	Diamond Wedding	Diamond Wedding	Acknowledgements	In Memoriam
<b>Ed and Rachel CROFTS</b> Would like to announce the Birth of their Son <b>William Edward (Billy)</b> 24th March 7lb 13oz. 	 <b>DAWDRY &amp; FRENCH</b> Congratulations Claire and Mark on the birth of <b>Harvey William</b> Love from Mum and Dad, Deborah, Gary, Regan, Mason, Nicola, Neil, Aaron and Jade. 	<b>FRENCH &amp; DAWDRY</b> Claire and Mark are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy <b>Harvey William French</b> On Thursday 5th March 2009, weighing 8lbs 9oz. 	 <b>Ted &amp; Cynthia BURBIDGE</b> Congratulations to our wonderful parents & grandparents on reaching your Golden wedding. Wishing you many more happy years together. With all our love Eleanor, Neil, Stephen, Senga, Ian & Alan, Licks & Woofs from all your furry friends! 	 <b>Alan &amp; Sylvia DAVIES</b> Are celebrating their Golden Anniversary on Monday, March 30th, 2009. Their marriage took place at St Pauls Church, Egham Hythe, on March 30th, 1959. They have been blessed with two Sons and one Daughter, also six Grandchildren, all very much loved. 	<b>SHEILA &amp; DOUGLAS BARKER</b> Married March 26th, 1949. Congratulations to you both on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Wishing you both many more happy and healthy years. Love always from Sandra, Glenn, Karen, Mark and Claire. 	<b>WHITE</b>  (nee Ingram) <b>Ray and Vera</b> 26th March 1949. Many Congratulations Ray & Vera on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. With lots of love from your family Pauline, Ian, Neil, Sarah, Abigail, Oliver, Shelley and Nicole	<b>MARSH</b> The family of the late Bill would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind thoughts, flowers and donations received on their sad loss. Special thanks to Reverend Kirby for the lovely service.	<b>CANNELL Robin</b> 5 Years now without my Dad. It doesn't get any easier. Love Michelle, Tyrone and Cheryl-Anne xx
<b>CROFTS</b> Congratulations Ed and Rachel on the Birth of their Son <b>Billy</b> Nanny, Grandad, James and Sharon x x x 	 <b>FLETCHER &amp; PRICE</b> Congratulations on the birth of <b>Baby Jack</b> weighing 8lb 14½ oz, on Thursday, March 19th. Little Brother for Lauren. Lots of love Siobahn, Daniel, Jessica, Kameron and Izabela x	 <b>LOCK</b> Helen and Martin are pleased to announce the arrival of <b>Harry George</b> On 30th March weighing 7lb 9oz. Little Brother for Richard and Joe. A gilt-edged credit asset in a crunch.	<b>TO PLACE YOUR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL 01604 515000</b>		<b>Mercury &amp; Citizen</b> To advertise <b>01604 515000</b>		<b>In Memoriam</b>  <b>CAHILL Declan Patrick</b> Taken from us 27/03/06. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal.	 <b>GADSDEN Fran</b> 27.3.06 The years add up from when you left But the memories of you are the best You're missed and loved more each day But we will all meet again one day Until then Pete, Mum, Sue, Mark, Jackie, Paul, Lisa, Naomi and Sophie x x x
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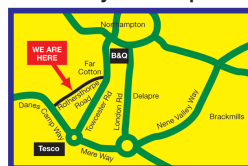
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The programme will bring with it additional funding which will require expansion of current services to fit in with the national IAPT guidance. The team will deliver a range of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) based psychological interventions through a stepped care treatment model to people with common mental health problems. It will run alongside established counselling and secondary care services in Milton Keynes.

We are committed to developing mental health services for people in Milton Keynes that can be accessed via their GPs and job centres.

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REF: PSY119P

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We wish to recruit a person experienced in working in mental health services to provide high intensity interventions within a cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) framework. It is anticipated that you will make a contribution to service delivery providing high intensity interventions. You may (depending on past experience and pre-existing qualifications in psychological therapies to the standards required, see above) be required to attend additional training which would represent topping up your psychological therapy competencies.

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Members of the team will play a key role in forming the foundations of the future development of Primary Care Mental Health Services, with a focus on service design, implementation and evaluation.

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## Button shines in Grand Prix

Sun, Mar 29 – Jenson Button steered the new Brawn GP team to victory in the team's first race as the F1 season began in Australia

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## The past week in headlines

At-a-glance sport...

### Blues force way to final

Sat, Mar 28 – Northampton Saints fell at the semi-final stage of the EDF Energy Cup as they lost 11-5 to Cardiff Blues



### 'I'm tired of test series'

Sun, Mar 29 – Kevin Pietersen stunned colleagues when he said he had had enough of the West Indies tour and wanted to come home



### Accolade for Beckham

Sat, Mar 28 – Former England skipper David Beckham (right) beat Bobby Moore's outfield record by getting his 109th cap



## Business as usual as Carlos returns

SAINTS captain Bruce Reihana said there will be little time for pleasantries when Carlos Spencer returns to Franklin's Gardens with Gloucester on Saturday.

Spencer comes back to town for the first time since he moved to Kingsholm at the end of January.

The All Blacks legend had found himself reduced to the bench towards the end of his reign at Northampton and decided he had had enough.

It didn't take him long to find a new club and he has been earning rave reviews for Gloucester ever since.

Spencer was cup-tied for the Cherry & Whites' EDF Energy Cup semi-final win over the Ospreys on Saturday, so will be coming to the Gardens fresh and with plenty to prove to his old club.

Reihana is looking forward to doing battle with his old mate, but does not think there will be much banter flying around.

"It will be business as usual," said Reihana. "Heads down and get stuck in and the best team will win on the day."

"We know he is going to come back on top form. He has been playing really well for Gloucester, so we will have to keep an eye on him and keep our defensive line solid. We know how he can create space for the backs and will take every opportunity he gets."

While Gloucester will be buoyed by a date at Twickenham in the EDF Energy Cup final, Saints have to lift themselves after their semi-final defeat to Cardiff.

Reihana, though, feels Gloucester will provide plenty of motivation for Saints to get straight back to business in the Premiership.

"They will be looking on their final and they have to concentrate on the league at the same time as they have slipped down a spot," said Reihana.

"Gloucester have got a fantastic side, they will use the cup final to build on and come to Franklin's Gardens to knock us over. We've got to keep our heads up and certainly work very hard this week, because we are back at home and we want to make a statement as well."



■ Yeovil goalscorer Jonathan Obika has a shot at goal on Tuesday

## 'We need to play with 11 soldiers'

### THE Cobblers have a 10-day break in which to regroup before tackling the most critical games of their season.

With only seven League One games remaining, Northampton Town find themselves deep in trouble in the relegation zone having failed to beat three of their fellow strugglers in the past fortnight.

A defeat against Swindon and a draw against Carlisle was followed by a disastrous 1-0 reverse at Yeovil Town on Tuesday night, the Somerset side swapping places with the

Cobblers into the safety zone. And manager Stuart Gray is eager to get his men in fighting mood before the end-of-season run-in that includes tough games against MK Dons and Leeds United.

He said: "I've got artists and soldiers in the squad and maybe at this moment in time I need to be putting 11 soldiers out there. We've got to get the balance right."

"We have to now stand up and be counted. "We've got to get in other teams' faces more and be more committed when we go in for 50-50 balls because there wasn't enough of that on

Tuesday night. I've got every confidence in the players here that they do have that fight in them."

"We've been to some big grounds and got some big results. Other teams seem to do well out of adversity and we've got to do that now as well."

The Cobblers began Tuesday evening one place ahead of the relegation zone, above Yeovil only on goal difference, but any hope of moving clear were undone by a Jonathan Obika goal. Northampton next play on Good Friday at mid-table Bristol Rovers.

